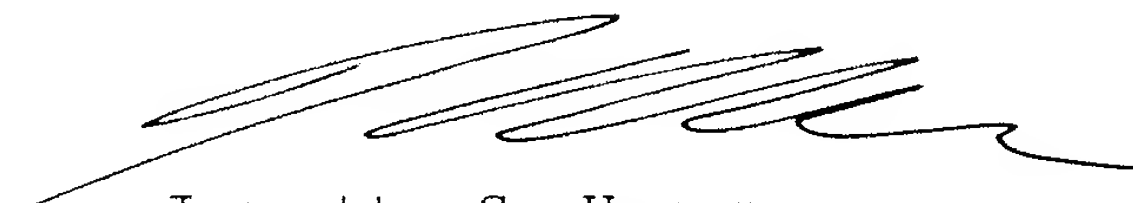


CONCLUSION

Claims 13-14, 17-18, 20-22, 24, 26, and 28-29 are pending in the present application. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at 408-451-5907 to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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